

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all claims under examination is submitted, and the status of each is identified. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended): A coating composition comprising an effect pigment, a small particle size pigment wherein the small particle size pigment is selected from the group consisting of β -quinacridone, 2,9-dichloroquinacridone, 2,9-dimethylquinacridone, 1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole, 1,4-diketo-3,6-di(biphenyl-1-yl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole, 2,9-dichloroquinacridone/1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole solid solution, and 2,9-dichloroquinacridone/1,4-diketo-3,6-diphenyl-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole/1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole solid solution,

and at least one flop-enhancing agent selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted halogenated copper phthalocyanines wherein the benzene rings of the halogenated copper phthalocyanines are substituted by four or more halogens, wherein the small particle size pigment has a specific surface area in the range from 40 to 100 m²/g.

2. (currently amended). A coating composition of claim 1, wherein ~~the composition comprises mixtures having more than one flop-enhancing agent is a mixture of at least two halogenated copper phthalocyanines, a mixture of at least one halogenated copper phthalocyanine and at least one indanthrone, a mixture of at least one halogenated copper phthalocyanine and at least one carboazole dioxazine or a mixture of at least one halogenated copper phthalocyanine, at least one indanthrone and at least one carbazole dioxazine~~ selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted halogenated copper phthalocyanines, indanthrones and carbazole dioxazines.

3. (currently amended): A coating composition of claim 1, wherein the halogenated copper phthalocyanine is further substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of -NR₁R₂, C₁-C₁₀alkyl and -X-NR₁R₂, wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀alkyl or -X-NR₁R₂, R₁ and R₂ are independently hydrogen or C₁-C₁₀alkyl, and X is C₁-C₁₀alkylene.

4. (currently amended): A coating composition of claim 2, wherein ~~at least one the flop-enhancing agent is an~~ indanthrone is substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group

consisting of halogen, $-NR_1R_2$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl and $-X-NR_1R_2$, wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl or $-NR_1R_2$, R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen or C_1-C_{10} alkyl, and X is C_1-C_{10} alkylene.

5.(currently amended): A coating composition of claim 2, wherein ~~at least one the flop-enhancing agent is a~~ carbazole dioxazine is substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-NR_1R_2$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl and $-X-NR_1R_2$, wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl or $-X-NR_1R_2$, R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen or C_1-C_{10} alkyl, and X is C_1-C_{10} alkylene.

6.(currently amended): A coating composition of claim 1, further ~~comprising at least one halogenated copper phthalocyanine,~~ an indanthrone and a carbazole dioxazine compound, each of which are unsubstituted or have one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-NR_1R_2$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl and $-X-NR_1R_2$, wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl or $-X-NR_1R_2$, R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen or C_1-C_{10} alkyl, and X is C_1-C_{10} alkylene.

7-8. (cancelled).

9. (currently amended): A coating composition of claim ~~8~~ 1, wherein the small particle size pigment is a 2,9-dichloroquinacridone/1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole solid solution.

10.(currently amended): A pigment composition which comprises a transparent pigment and from 0.1 to 10% by weight, based on the weight of the composition, of at least one flop-enhancing agent selected from the group consisting of halogenated copper phthalocyanines wherein the benzene rings of the halogenated copper phthalocyanines are substituted by four or more halogens and the transparent pigment is selected from the group consisting of β -quinacridone, 2,9-dichloroquinacridone, 2,9-dimethylquinacridone, 1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole, 1,4-diketo-3,6-di(biphenyl-1-yl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole, 2,9-dichloroquinacridone/1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole solid solution, and 2,9-dichloroquinacridone/1,4-diketo-3,6-diphenyl-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole/1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole solid solution.

11. (currently amended): A pigment composition of claim 10, wherein the benzene rings of the halogenated copper phthalocyanine are further ~~unsubstituted or~~ substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of $-NR_1R_2$, C_1-C_{10} alkyl and $-X-NR_1R_2$, wherein R_1 and

R_2 are independently hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl or $-X-NR_1R_2$, R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, and X is C_1 - C_{10} alkylene.

12. (original): A pigment composition of claim 11, further comprising a second flop-enhancing agent, wherein the second flop-enhancing agent is an indanthrone, wherein the benzene ring of the flop-enhancing indanthrone is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-NR_1R_2$, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl and $-X-NR_1R_2$, wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl or $-X-NR_1R_2$, R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, and X is C_1 - C_{10} alkylene.

13.(original): A pigment composition of claim 11, further comprising a second flop-enhancing agent wherein the second flop-enhancing agent is carbazole dioxazine, wherein the benzene ring of the flop-enhancing carbazole dioxazine is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-NR_1R_2$, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl and $-X-NR_1R_2$, wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl or $-X-NR_1R_2$, R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, and X is C_1 - C_{10} alkylene.

14. (currently amended): A pigment composition of claim 10, further comprising a halogenated copper phthalocyanine, an indanthrone and at least one carbazole dioxazine compound flop-enhancing agents, wherein the benzene rings of the indanthrone and carbazole dioxazine flop-enhancing agents are unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-NR_1R_2$, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl and $-X-NR_1R_2$, wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl or $-X-NR_1R_2$, R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, and X is C_1 - C_{10} alkylene, wherein the benzene rings of the halogenated copper phthalocyanine flop-enhancing agent are ~~is unsubstituted or further~~ substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of NR_1R_2 , C_1 - C_{10} alkyl and $-X-NR_1R_2$, wherein R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl or $-X-NR_1R_2$, R_1 and R_2 are independently hydrogen or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, and X is C_1 - C_{10} alkylene.

15. (cancelled).

16. (original): A pigment composition of claim 10, further comprising an effect pigment.

17. (cancelled).

18. (currently amended): A pigment composition of claim ~~47~~ 10, wherein the transparent pigment is a 2,9-dichloroquinacridone/1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole solid solution and the flop-enhancing agent is Pigment Green 7.

19. (currently amended): A pigment composition of claim ~~47~~ 10, wherein the transparent pigment is 2,9-dichloroquinacridone/1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole solid solution and the flop-enhancing agent is Pigment Green 36.

20. (original): A pigment composition of claim 15, which further comprises a rheology improving agent selected from the group consisting of pyrazolylmethylquinacridone, aluminum quinacridone monosulfonate and mixtures thereof.

21. (currently amended): A method of enhancing the flop of a polymeric coating containing an effect pigment and a transparent pigment, which comprises incorporating a flop-enhancing agent into the polymeric coating, wherein the flop-enhancing agent is a selected from the group consisting of halogenated copper phthalocyanines, halogenated copper phthalocyanine wherein the benzene rings of the halogenated copper phthalocyanine are substituted by four or more halogens and the transparent pigment is selected from the group consisting of β -quinacridone, 2,9-dichloroquinacridone, 2,9-dimethylquinacridone, 1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole, 1,4-diketo-3,6-di(biphenyl-1-yl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole, 2,9-dichloroquinacridone/1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole solid solution, and 2,9-dichloroquinacridone/1,4-diketo-3,6-diphenylpyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole/1,4-diketo-3,6-di(4-chlorophenyl)-pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole solid solution.

22. (original): A coating composition of claim 1, wherein the effect pigment is selected from the group consisting of coated micas, uncoated micas, aluminum flakes, multilayered color shifting flake pigments, and graphite flakes.